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SUBJ: 200-MILE FISHING ZONE

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1. US LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH 200-MILE FISHING ZONE BY 3/1/77 PROMPTED FISHERIES MINISTERS FROM ATLANTIC PROVINCES AND QUEBEC TO CABLE FEDERAL FISHERIES MINISTER LEBLANC ON MAR 25 AND REQUEST THAT HE CONVENE FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL MINISTERIAL MEETING SOONEST, AND CERTAINLY BY APR 9, TO DISCUSS CANADIAN 200-MILE ZONE AND WITHDRAWAL FROM ICNAF. PROVINCIAL MINISTERS, WHO WERE MEETING IN MONCTON, N.B., WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT LEBLANC POSTPONED A SCHEDULED APR 2 MEETING WITH THEM PENDING CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES..

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2. EASTERN PROVINCES WANT CANADIAN 200-MILE ZONE BY 1/1/77

WITH OR WITHOUT MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT IN LOS CONFERENCE..
THEY ALSO WISH DISCUSS THEIR INTENTIONS AT FORTHCOMING
ICNAF CONFERENCE WHICH MEETS IN CUBA ON JUN 9. TO GET ITEM ON
AGENDA, HOWEVER, THEY MUST NOTIFY ICNAF AT LEAST 60 DAYS IN
ADVANCE; HENCE DESIRE OF PROVINCIAL MINISTERS TO MEET WITH
LEBLANC PRIOR APR 9. WITHDRAWAL FROM ICNAF IS SEEN BY
PROVINCIAL MINISTERS AS NECESSARY IF 200-MILE ZONE TO BE
PROCLAIMED AND CANADA'S NOTIFICATION OF THIS TO ICNAF
WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE NO LATER THAN JUN 30 IF 200-MILE
ZONE TO GO INTO EFFECT 1/1/77.

3. COMMENT: LEBLANC APPARENTLY UNWILLING TO BE STAMPEDED
BY EASTERN PROVINCES. AS FAR AS I KNOW, HE STILL HAS NOT
RESPONDED TO PROVINCIAL MINISTERS' MAR 25 CABLE AND WITH
PASSAGE OF TIME IT LOOKS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY
FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL FISHERIES MEETING WILL BE CONVENED
PRIOR APR 9. SINCE GENERAL OUTLINE OF CANADIAN INTENTIONS
RE 200-MILE ZONE ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN TO ALL ICNAF MEMBERS,
AND SINCE IT SEEMS PRETTY CLEAR THAT THE GOC WILL NOT GET
TOO FAR OUT OF STEP WITH THE U.S., FAILURE OF CANADIANS
TO GET DISCUSSION OF THEIR 200-MILE FISHING ZONE INSCRIBED
AS FORMAL ICNAF CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEM WOULD SEEM NOT
NEARLY AS IMPORTANT AS PROVINCIAL MINISTERS SEEM TO BE
TRYING TO MAKE IT APPEAR.
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